

# *Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc.*

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## Testimony of

**Michael A. Loiz, Director of Operations**

**Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc.**

**Public Health Committee**

**Friday, March 15, 2013**

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and distinguished members of  
the Public Health Committee.

My name is Michael Loiz. I am the Director of Operations for Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc. and **I am here today to speak in opposition to Raised Bill No. 6518, An Act concerning Emergency Medical Services.**

Hunter's is the licensed primary service area provider (PSAR) at the basic life support and paramedic levels for five communities in central Connecticut serving a population of 132,000. We have developed a solid employment base and made significant investments in facilities, vehicles, and equipment in these communities and take our statutory role as an emergency service provider seriously and we are proud to be celebrating our 50th year of service.

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Specifically to the issues of the proposed removal of the PSA and reassignment to the municipality, we are not supportive of this proposed change and feel it will degrade the level of emergency medical services in the state. Hunter's has collaboratively established clearly delineated response expectations with the communities we serve. These service agreements are monitored monthly and include very clear and strict performance remediation sanctions should performance drop below expected levels.

Hunter's actively participates in monthly coordination meetings where public safety challenges are reviewed and collaboratively addressed by all stakeholders.

As you can imagine, emergency medical services are an area of public safety that require strict oversight and constant review. Our statutes already have a mechanism in place for addressing those situations where a PSA might be in jeopardy of poor performance when those collaborative efforts included in (19a-181b) have not been able to maintain proper performance.

The state has had the wisdom to establish strong regulations that work. Passing this bill would create substantial instability within the EMS system in our state.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Loiz".

Michael A. Loiz

Director of Operations